

BRIDGEPORT FEMA DISASTER ASSISTANCE

JUNE 24, 2010 TORNADO

The City of Bridgeport was hit with a tornado on Thursday – June 24, 2010. The National Weather Service stated that Thursday's tornado packed 100 mile an hour winds. Senator Joe Lieberman toured Bridgeport with Mayor Bill Finch to assess public infrastructure, business and homeowner damages. The State of Connecticut has officially requested that Federal, State and Local Preliminary Assessment Teams be assembled and deployed to areas that experienced damages in last week's tornado/storms.

PDA Teams for the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Public Assistance, Individual Assistance, and Small Business Administration (SBA) met on June 28, 2010 to assess the damage at the Bridgeport CT Emergency Operation Center. The PDA Team assessment is the first step in the FEMA process to qualify the State of Connecticut for disaster assistance.

To report damages related to the tornado, contact the Bridgeport Emergency Operations Center at **203-579-3829**.

INSURANCE CLAIMS

Connecticut residents impacted by the rain and wind storm may call the CT Insurance Department's toll-free hotline at 800-203-3447 with questions about claims. Residents calling this hotline can get questions answered about homeowner's policies, flood insurance and catastrophe claims.

Residents can also visit the state CT Insurance Department's website at www.ct.gov/cid to get tips for making the claims process easier. Contact your Local Emergency Management Director at http://www.ct.gov/demhs/lib/demhs/emergmgmt/local_emg_mgmt_public_contacts_1_10.pdf with information on uninsured damages to your home, property, or business as a result of the March 2010 storms.

The CT Department of Insurance <http://www.ct.gov/cid/cwp/view.asp?Q=458040&A=3299> has compiled a "Consumer Resource Page – Flood Insurance" with important information:

- Immediate Disaster Assistance
- Connecticut American Red Cross
- InfoLine 211
- Consumer Services – How to File a Complaint
- National Flood Insurance Program
- FEMA Resources
- Fact Sheets/FAQs on Flood Insurance and Homeowner Storm Claims
- Volunteer Resources